COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

APPROVAL OF THE)
INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT)
NEGOTIATED BY GTE SOUTH)
INCORPORATED AND MOUNTAINEER) CASE NO. 98-517
CELLULAR GENERAL PARTNERSHIP)
PURSUANT TO SECTIONS 251 AND)
252 OF THE TELECOMMUNICATIONS)
ACT OF 1996	

ORDER

On October 6, 1998, GTE South Incorporated ("GTE") and Mountaineer Cellular General Partnership ("Mountaineer") submitted to the Commission their negotiated agreement for interconnection of their networks and the exchange of traffic between their respective end-user customers. The agreement was negotiated pursuant to the Telecommunications Act of 1996 ("1996 Act"), 47 U.S.C. Sections 251 and 252. Section 252(e) of the 1996 Act requires the parties to an interconnection agreement adopted by negotiation to submit the agreement for approval to the Commission.

The Commission has reviewed the agreement and finds that no portion of the agreement discriminates against a telecommunications carrier not a party to the agreement. The Commission also finds that the implementation of this agreement is consistent with the public interest, convenience, and necessity.

Mountaineer must comply with all relevant Commission mandates for serving in this Commonwealth.

The Commission, having been otherwise sufficiently advised, HEREBY ORDERS that the negotiated agreement between GTE and Mountaineer is approved.

Done at Frankfort, Kentucky, this 19th day of November, 1998.

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Chairman

Vice Chairman

Commissioner

ATTEST:

Executive Director